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*PER YOUR REQUEST
FOR call to Sonny Montgomery.*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: [REDACTED]
Acting Chief, East Asia Division
VIA: Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT: MIA's
REFERENCE: DCI Memorandum dated 13 September, same subject

1. In response to the DCI's inquiry, CIA sponsors no flights of either American or Thai planes into or over Lao territory.

2. CIA has not initiated, nor is it supporting, any activity which has as its objective and goal the overthrow or subversion of the Government of Laos.

3. For DCI information: CIA is frequently charged by officials of the Lao Government as supporting a Lao resistance movement. While it is true that resistance forces are operating against Laos from within Laos and from Thailand, CIA in no way sponsors or otherwise provides support to their ranks or activities. We have, however, continued to collect intelligence on the status of the Lao resistance within the context of monitoring the Lao internal political scene.

*Reported this to
Cong. Montgomery
9-14-76 and ask
him to keep
confidential
but share
with committee*

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CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Operations

Date

9/13/76

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DDO/East Asia Division

FROM: George Bush
Director

SUBJECT: MIA's

1. My good friend, Congressman Sonny Montgomery, told me this morning that he met over the weekend with two of the top three Laotians from the Laos Mission to the United Nations. The top man would not come.

2. He was trying to get Laos to help on the MIA question. You will recall that Montgomery is Chairman of the Select Committee on MIA's in the House.

3. Laos thinks we are putting up money to fly Thai planes over Laotian borders. They also said that American planes have been overflying Laos. They claim the CIA is "spying" on Laos. They profess their willingness to be friendly. They talked to the Congressman about construction aid to Laos in return for Laos help on the MIA question.

4. It would be useful for me to call Montgomery back, telling him that I have checked and we (CIA) are not sponsoring either our own flights or Thai flights over Laos. Let me know what I should tell the Congressman. I would like to call him back within the next 24 hours.


George Bush

cc DDO
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